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Outlook 2001 is require for Macs to coexist w/ PC's in company that base their communication on Exchange Server.

The current version of Outlook 2001 for Mac OS 9 is buggy. Apple is attempting to transition customers to OS X.

By delaying or canceling the release of an OS X native version of Mac Exchange client, MS serves a blow against the adoption of Apple's Mac OS X (Unix) operating system.

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Mac OS X-compatible release of Microsoft Outlook unlikely
By Nick dePlume, Publisher and Editor in Chief

The release of Mac Outlook 2001 last year was a milestone for both Apple and Microsoft, bringing the Mac version of the corporate messaging/PIM application up to par and improving Apple's push in business environments using Exchange servers.

Last July, as the company was rushing to carbonize Office for Mac, Think Secret learned from Microsoft insiders that an OS X-native release of Outlook was very unlikely, largely because of the amount of time and resources it would require. A source on the show floor of Macworld Expo/San Francisco earlier this month confirmed those reports, saying that the company will rely on the Entourage component of Office to satisfy the corporate email gap, even though Entourage cannot work as an Exchange client like Outlook.

The initial release of Outlook 2001 included full compatibility with Exchange servers and a Mac-like interface.